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Frequency Conversion Work.

981. The Conversion Works pertaining to (1) Doddaballapur, (2) Devanahalli, (3) Hoskote, (4) Soldevanahalli were completed. Conversion of frequency at Nelamangala, T. G. Halli water works, Anekal, Attibele, Vijayapura, Sidlaghatta and Chickballapur were taken up during the year.

982. Conversion of power circuits in Bangalore A, B, and C station limits and at Mysore were nearing completion. About 3,700 KW was lifted from 25 cycles system during the year making the total conversion of load from 25 cycles to 50 cycles to 44,781 K.W. at the end of the year.

983. An expenditure of Rs. 4,81,795 was incurred on this group of works.

984. An expenditure of Rs. 1,12,532 was incurred on the surveys of Honnemaradu (Sharavathi) valley project during the year.

985. A sum of Rs. 6,79,196 was incurred on works pertaining to other Government Departments and Palace.

986. An expenditure of Rs. 19,05,538 was incurred on power supply to towns and villages during the year.

987. There were 47 fatal accidents to human life and 26 fatal accidents to animals during the year.

988. The hospitals in Jog, Sivasamudram and Shimshapura were well maintained. Veterinary aid was rendered to cattle at Sivasamudram, Shimshapura and Jog from the neighbouring veterinary dispensaries.

(iv) Mysore Government Road Transport Department.

989. The Department owned 166 buses at the beginning of the year. Fifty chassis were purchased during the year at a cost of Rs. 11,76,386.

990. At the commencement of the year, 294 routes were operated covering a daily mileage of 14,442 and at the end of the year the number of routes rose to 327 and the daily mileage to 16,291 (including Mysore City Services).

991. New routes were taken up where it was absolutely necessary to do so, avoiding to the extent possible routes which are adequately served by the private sector.

992. The following new services were taken up during the year :—

1. Bangalore—Kengeri
2. Bangalore (Majestic Circle)—Hebbal
3. Bangalore—Nelamangala
4. Bangalore—Yelahanka

993. With effect from 1st October 1955, the Department took over the responsibility of running City Services in Mysore City. This step was taken by the Government in response to the persistent demand made by the people and City Municipality of Mysore. At the close of the year, 13 routes were being operated covering a daily mileage of 1,277.

994. The following Inter-State Routes were being operated on the basis of reciprocity :

1. Bangalore-Thirupathy from 1st January 1955.
2. Bangalore-Mercara from 1st January 1956.

995. Approximately 68,93,387 passengers were carried in the Government buses during the year.

996. The daily average consumption of petrol and diesel oil during the year was 648·5 gallons and 656·03 gallons respectively as against 710·6 gallons and 560·7 gallons during the previous year.

997. The average number of buses on the road during the year was 142(125). The average number of miles done by each bus in use per day was 93 (89) miles.

998. Besides normal services, special services were also arranged on account of Jatras, etc. The total number of passengers carried during Jatras was 1,30,832.

999. A number of express Bus Services were started during the year with a view to providing quick transport to the travelling public.

1000. Six hundred and forty cases of pilferage were detected during the year.

1001. The bus bodies constructed in the Department from kits purchased from Messrs. Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., have proved to be very good both in quality of material used and workmanship. The cost of the completed bus was also found to be cheaper than the rates that were prevailing then.

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1002. Apart from constructing new bus bodies a number of buses which were more than six years old were completely renovated.

1003. The capital invested up to the end of the year was Rs. 71,87,549 as against Rs. 54,22,795 in the previous year.

1004. The gross earnings during the year was Rs. 64,15,173 (Rs. 55,51,026). The average earnings per mile was Re. 1—2—9 as against Re. 1—2—5 during the previous year.

1005. The total expenditure including depreciation was Rs. 48·08 lakhs (Rs. 40·45 lakhs). The increased expenditure was due to the increased operational mileage.

1006. The net profit after providing for depreciation and interest on capital amounted to Rs. 16·07 lakhs as against Rs. 15·06 lakhs in the previous year.

1007. Concessions were shown to the students and officials by issuing season passes at one fare and 1¼ fare respectively for up and down journeys during the year.